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POLITICS OF THE CENSUS: CALIF. SCREWED.
If the decision by U.S. Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher stands, Calif. and major cities within the State will not only lose millions of dollars in federal money because of the census undercount, but Calif.'s congressional delegation will be cheated out of an 8th new seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. All of this because on July 15th Mosbacher refused to allow the Post Enumeration Survey (PES) data to be incorporated into the 1990 census. Without this new data, the total U.S. census will be off the mark by 2% or 5 million. Here in Calif., the undercount may run as high as 1.1 million...

...But not to fear. Some of Calif.'s big cities (L.A., S.F., Oakland) will probably join N.Y. City in a lawsuit seeking to overturn Mosbacher's decision. CA Gov. Pete Wilson was disappointed in the census decision, but essentially said lawsuits would be counterproductive because they might delay the reapportionment process. As CALPEEK went to press, Gov. Wilson was to hold a news conference on remapping. He was expected to "lay down the law" in terms of his demands for a fair process from State lawmakers. We'll see...

...About the only CA elected official who seemed to agree with Mosbacher's decision was U.S. Rep. John (Open Mouth-Insert Foot) Doolittle(R-Roseville), who said the commerce secretary's decision was FAIR and that all the complaints were Demo/partisian sour grapes. Doolittle is the GOP CA House member who is supposed to oversee the remapping process. Hasn't anyone told him that the 53rd seat would probably have been set aside for a Republican???

...So when will the CA Legislature finish the remapping process? State Sen. Bill Leonard(R-Upland) says he has an opinion from AG Dan Lungren stating that the process has to be finished by Aug. 31st. However, most CALPEEK sources agree that the final date for getting new districts will be Sept. 13th --- that's the day the CA Legislature recesses for the year. Stay tuned...

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MORE VACATION TIME - CALPEEK will take off the week of July 22, meaning there will NO newsletter next week (July 29th). The next issue of CALPEEK will be dated Aug. 5...

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BILL JONES NEW REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY LEADER, AS CAUCUS DUMPS JOHNSON AFTER THREE YEARS.
July 17th - the day after the CA Assembly finally finished off the 1991-92 budget, 16 members of the GOP Assembly Caucus decided enough was enough and voted to vacate the minority leader position - in effect a move to dump Ross Johnson as minority leader. There were 13 votes opposed and members Gil Ferguson and Tom McClintock abstained. A few minutes later, Bill Jones of Visalia was elected the GOP Minority Leader on a 16 to 11 vote, with 4 members not voting...

...The dumping of Ross Johnson wasn't exactly a surprise. Earlier this year there was a coup attempt that fell short. That coup was led by Paul Woodruff of Redlands, who CALPEEK sources say played a key role in lining up the necessary votes for Jones' July 17 victory...

...Jones is an ambitious politician and this isn't the first time he has challenged Johnson. The first time was back in 1988, when Johnson took over the leadership from Pat Nolan. Jones was part of a group of moderate and traditional conservative law-

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makers known as "The Magnificent Seven." They didn't win, but they made life miserable for Johnson. The hardliners call this group "The Savage Sheep." CALPEEK sources say political philosophy had little to do with Jones' victory, as hardliners, moderates and traditional conservatives were split all over the place...

...Jones was one of 9 Republican lawmakers who broke ranks with the rest of the GOP Caucus to vote for Gov. Pete Wilson's budget (AB 222). Unlike Johnson, Jones has a good relationship with Wilson and with Demo Speaker Willie Brown. The days of the hardline confrontrations may be at an end with the election of Jones. We'll have to wait and see. Stay tuned...

5th & 67th A.D. SPECIALS: FINAL COUNTDOWN.
Editor's note: Taxes, religion and the prestige of Gov. Pete Wilson(R) will be on the line July 23rd when voters go to the polls in special elections in the 5th A.D. in Sacramento and Placer Counties and in the 67th A.D. in Orange County. Here is CALPEEK's final update on these Assembly specials...

• 5th A.D. - This very nasty and bitter race between B.T. Collins, a Wilson-backed moderate, and hardline conservative Barbara Alby, has insiders predicting a win by Collins. But the big question is whether B.T. will have enough muscle to win WITHOUT a runoff. Some CALPEEK sources doubt it, although polling data is said to show B.T. within 3-5 points of a majority. Making it more difficult for B.T. is Pro-CHOICE activist Mark Norberg, who is now an official Demo write-in candidate. While Norberg is NOT going to pull an upset, any votes that go his way are votes that otherwise might have gone to B.T...

...Key issue could be TAXES, with the flap over RELIGION giving the conservatives the motivation to produce a strong GOTV effort for Alby. While an Alby upset is remote, she could make it close...

• 67th A.D. - The race between Orange Councilman William Steiner, another Wilson moderate, and hardline conservative Mickey Conroy is considered fairly close. Most insiders think Conroy has the edge because of the conservative nature of the 67th, while some think Steiner should win. CALPEEK sources say Gov. Wilson may endorse Steiner before the election. That's eithe good or bad news --- depending on the hot issue of TAXES. That's the key issue in this special, with both trading shots over who is and who isn't pro-tax...

...FYI: Moderate Republicans involved in these two races now have a new term for hardline conservatives. CAVEMEN is OUT ar PRIMATIVES is IN. The difference: primat ives like raw meat, while cavenmen have learned to use fire. Stay tuned...

A CALPEEK UPDATE ON RECALL DRIVES IN CALIF
Editor's note: Here's a update on various RECALL movements that CALPEEK has been fol lowing these last few months...

• THE GATES RECALL - It's OVER. Accorc ing to recall organizer Kerman Maddox, the drive has been "suspended." Maddox says the recall committee will now focus its attention on the L.A. City Council, hoping that the council will remove L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates if no immediate retirement or resignation date is forthcoming. The recall had until mid August to collect 60,000 names. CALPEEK sources say the com mittee had about 52,000 names, but needed twice that many to qualify. Real reason for the drive's collapse: NO MONEY...

• RANCHO PALOS VERDES - The recall driv aimed at Councilwoman Jackie Bacharach has FAILED. Proponents needed to collect 5,27 names and CALPEEK sources say the drive wa well short of that number...

• L.A. MAYOR BRADLEY RECALL - The drive has hit tough times. Organizer Marvin Fel man has resigned as head of the recall com mittee for personal and financial reasons Odds of this group collecting 185,000 name by Sept. 20th appear DIM. Stay tuned...

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Goods news for you subscribers. CALPEEK will NOT raise its basic price this year. We're going to absorb the cost of the new State sales tax. HOWEVER, we are planning to raise the price next year. Remember, CALPEEK does NOT make refunds on cancellat ions....

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CA BALLOT MEASURE UPDATE: FOREST FOREVER??
Editor's note: Here is an update on some important activity relating to initiatives in Calif...

• FOREST FOREVER II - A few weeks ago CALPEEK noted that the Calif. timber industry had hired consultant Charles Cavalier just in case the Forest Forever folks decided to launch another initiative. In fact, an initiative is NOW at the AG's office awaiting title & summary. It should be out in time for proponents to collect the required signatures in time for either a March or June 1992 primary. Consultants who helped with this new initiative include attorney Barry Fadem, Steve Glazer and pollster Paul Maslin...

• "VACATIONS, WORKERS" is the title of a new initiative constitutional amendment sponsored by Richard Such of Palo Alto, (415)857-0129. Employers ought to just love Mr. Such. If approved, it would require a 40-hr./week worker to get a 4-week vacation for the 1st year of work; another week the 2nd year; and a 6th week for 3 or more years of work. BUT there are all sorts of conditions: the worker must have voted in the last general election; must be at least a high school grad; no convictions for DUI in the last 10 years; no on-the-job smoking. There are a few other conditions, but you get the idea. Such has until Dec. 6th to qualify. Stay tuned...

1992 U.S. SENATE RACES: DREIER WON'T RUN.
Editor's Note: Here is an update on some recent developments in the two contests for U.S. Senate next year...

• U.S. Rep. David Dreier(R-West Covina), who was regarded by the center and right of the CA Republican Party as being one of the best prospects for the U.S. Senate in 1992, has decided to seek reelection to his very safe House seat and NOT run for the full-term U.S. Senate seat of retiring Demo Alan Cranston. While some Republicans, including Pres. George Bush, were disappointed in Dreier's decision, the smiles were running from ear-to-ear in the camps of both U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R-Palo Alto) and conservative Bruce Herschensohn. Many CALPEEK sources think Dreier could have defeated both in a GOP primary battle...

• U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer(D) will use the same campaign management team that guided Kathleen Brown to victory for State Treasure last year. Boxer has hired Greer, Margolis, Mitchell, Grunwald & Assoc. of Washington D.C. as media consultants; and Greenberg/Lake of Washington D.C. as pollsters. Boxer also has hired Rose Kapolczynski as day-to-day manager. She will be based in L.A. and will be assisted by Debby Taylor, who worked in Bill Press's 1990 campaign for Insurance Commissioner. Also part of the team is D.C.-based Karen Olick, who will handle national fundraising; and field ops/GOTV whiz Larry Tramutola of Oakland. Overall, it is a very sound team, but some insiders are puzzled by Boxer's reasons for parting with Ed McGovern in May. He was regarded by most as a very solid manager. The official reason for the split was that McGovern supposedly didn't have enough experience in the important Southern Calif. market. Kapolczynski has NO EXPERIENCE in this area -- so you figure it out...

• One of Boxer's key Demo rivals for the Cranston seat, U.S. Rep. Mel Levine, will top $3 million in fundraising for this last campaign reporting period. $3 million can buy lots of name ID. And he may need to spend that kind of money, because his ID isn't even in double-digits. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY RUNOFF: HERNANDEZ STILL FAVORED.
L.A. businessman Mike Hernandez is still considered the odds on favorite to win a runoff council election to replace Gloria Molina in L.A.'s largely Latino 1st District on Aug. 13th. His opponent is attorney Sharon Mee Yung Lowe, who was a surprise 2nd place finisher in the primary...

...Hernandez has a large campaign warchest (compared to Lowe) and now has backing from two of the most powerful Hispanic politicians in L.A. --- Supervisor Gloria Molina and Councilman Richard Alatorre. Hernandez also has the endorsement of the area's influential newspaper, La Opinion. So why is anyone bothering to watch this race --- it seems so one sided???

...The answer is that Lowe is perhaps one of the more exciting young candidates to hit L.A. in a long time. She has a combative style similar to Molina's, which may

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alienate some, and has a unique command of the key issues impacting the district. But does she have a prayer???

...There are lots of IFS. Lowe has gotten some financial help from Councilman Michael Woo, so she won't be penniless. Her grassroots campaign has a phone bank going, plus she has yard signs all over the place. But most important, Lowe is walking and her campaign claims to have made some inroads into Hernandez's Hispanic base. For example, Lowe claims the endorsement of Mothers of East L.A. - that's a good group to have on your side...

...BOTTOMLINE: IF Lowe's Asian-American voter base turns out in large numbers, and IF Hernandez doesn't galvanize his base, an upset could happen. Stay tuned...

BARBARA FRIEDMAN'S DEFICIT IN $IX FIGURES. 46th A.D. Demo nominee Barbara Friedman may be on her way to Sacramento after the July 30th runoff election to replace Mike Roos, but she'll be carrying a huge deficit left over from her tight primary win. CALPEEK sources say the debt is in the low 6-figure range. One estimate places the deficit at $180,000. Friedman, who beat rival Demo John Emerson by 31 votes in the June special election, spent more than $400,000, and that was about $100,000 more than Emerson. Very expensive, especially for an assembly district which may not even exist after the summer reapportionment is finished. P.S. CALPEEK sources say that each Demo assemblymember has been "assessed" $3,000 to cover the cost of the runoff. Stay tuned...

WOMEN & POLITICS TOPIC FOR YVONNE BURKE. Former Demo Congresswoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke will address members of the Commonwealth Club of Calif. at 11:45 a.m., July 26, Gold Ballroom, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F. Burke's topic is Women and Politics. For info (415)597-6705...

GOP CHAIR CLAYTON YEUTTER AT COMMONWEALTH. RNC Chairman Clayton Yeutter will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA at 11:45 a.m., July 22, Nikko Ballroom, Nikko Hotel, S.F. The RNC chairman's topic is "The GOP Plan for 1992." For info, (415) 597-6705...

A POLITICAL ALMANAC AVAILABLE FOR SALE. The 540-page Calif. Political Almanac written by members of the Sacramento BEE's Capitol bureau is now on sale. Cost is $34.95 (including tax and shipping). CALPEEK has reviewed this almanac and finds it to be very useful and full of information for political insiders. For info call Stephen Green at (916)321-1199...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES. Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Attorney Terry D. Garcia jumps from Fried, King, Holmes et al to downtown L.A. law firm of Hughes Hubbard & Reed. New phone for Garcia is (213)489-5140...

- Political consultant Steve Glazer has pulled up stakes in L.A. and moved to the Capital area. New address is 1005 Morro Court, Roseville, CA 95661. New phone is (916)781-7918. Clients include L.A. Councilman Mike Woo and State Sen. David Roberti(D-L.A.)...

- L.A. atty. Billy Mills is appointed by L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn to the L.A. City Ethics Commission. Good move...

- Stoorza, Ziegaus & Metzger's Sacto office has promoted Gwyn Becker and Ken Smith to senior AEs...

- Ray Durazo has opened his own pa/pr firm called Durazo Communications at 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 475, L.A. 90036. (213) 930-2882...

- A sad note: Former Assemblyman Walter Ingalls(D-Riverside) died July 7. The 46-year-old attorney had chronic active hepatitis. He served in the Assembly from 1972 to 1982. R.I.P...

- New address for N.Y.-based Dresner, Sykes, Jordan & Townsend: 18 E. 17th St., 6th Floor, N.Y. 10003...

- BOE exec. director Cindy Rambo to become executive director of the Alameda/SF affiliate of Planned Parenthood. She will leave the BOE Aug. 31st...

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